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SCARLET SAMURAI
PART TWO

SURVIVING A FUTURE KNOWN AS THE WASTELANDS, WHERE EVERYTHING GOOD IN THE WORLD, INCLUDING HIS FAMILY, WAS DESTROYED, OLD MAN LOGAN AWOKE IN THE PRESENT DETERMINED TO PREVENT THIS CATASTROPHIC REALITY FROM EVER COMING TO PASS. NOW, LOGAN TRIES TO FIND HIS PLACE IN A WORLD NOT QUITE HIS OWN.

PREVIOUSLY IN OLD MAN LOGAN...

WHILE IN JAPAN, LOGAN FOUGHT A GANG CALLED THE CRAZY THUNDER CLAN, WHOSE MEMBERS COULD ALL HEAL FROM HORRIFIC WOUNDS. AFTER A ROUGH FIGHT, LOGAN WAS ABLE TO INCAPACITATE THE GANG AND LEARNED THEY WERE TAKING A NEW DRUG CALLED REGENIX MADE BY THE YASHIDA CORPORATION.

MEANWHILE, THE HEAD OF THE YASHIDA CORPORATION (SHINGEN HARADA, ALSO KNOWN AS THE SILVER SAMURAI) MURDERED THE SCIENTIST WHO HAD BEEN DEALING REGENIX TO THE CRAZY THUNDER CLAN. BUT SOON SHINGEN WAS FIGHTING FOR HIS OWN LIFE, AS THE HAND--LED BY GORGON--ATTACKED. GORGON'S NEWEST INITIATE WAS REVEALED AS SHE STABBED SHINGEN THROUGH THE CHEST--THE SCARLET SAMURAI!

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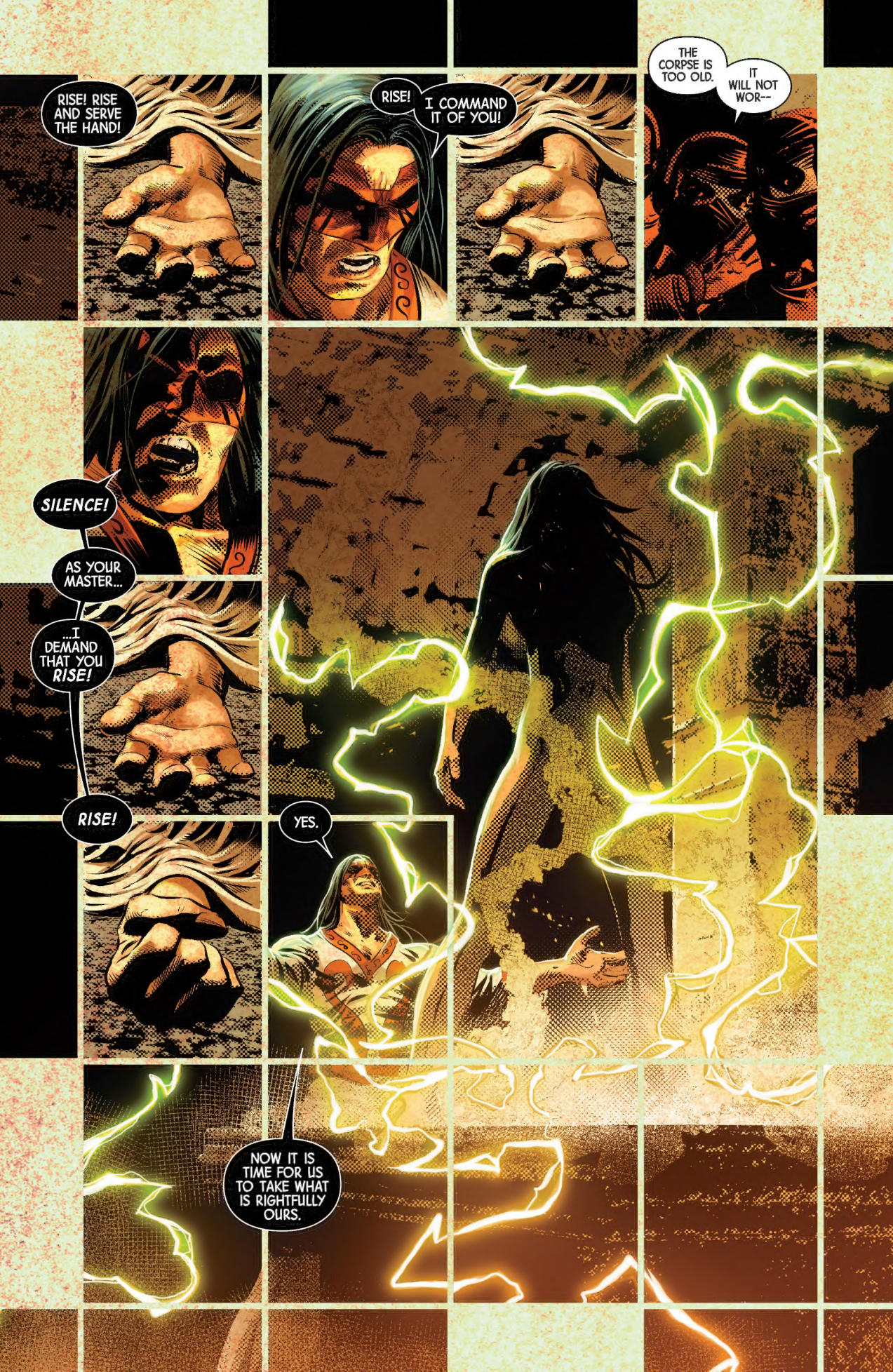
SOME TIME AGO.
WE HAVE BEEN AT WAR WITH CLAN YASHIDA FOR CENTURIES.
BUT NOW, WE HOLD THE KEY TO VICTORY IN OUR HANDS.
TODAY, THE WAR ENDS AND A NEW ERA BEGINS.
AN ERA OF HAND RULE.
THE BODY HAS BEEN PREPARED.
THE RITUALS PERFORMED.

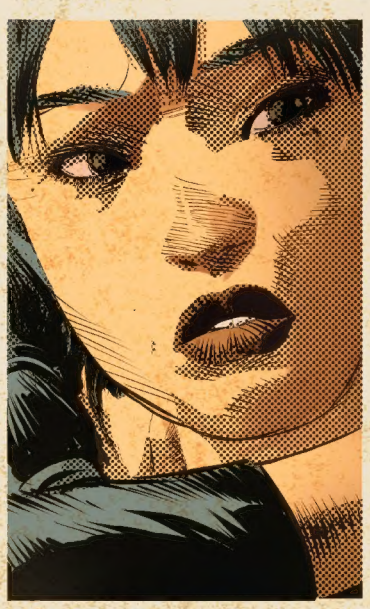

RISE! RISE AND SERVE THE HAND!
RISE!
I COMMAND IT OF YOU!
THE CORPSE IS TOO OLD.
IT WILL NOT WOR--
SILENCE!
AS YOUR MASTER...
...I DEMAND THAT YOU RISE!
RISE!
YES.
NOW IT IS TIME FOR US TO TAKE WHAT IS RIGHTFULLY OURS.

TOKYO, JAPAN.
THIS COUNTRY HAS A WAY OF MESSING WITH ME.
MAKING SURE THAT I DON'T FORGET.
CAN'T FORGET.
THAT MY LIFE HAS BEEN LITTLE MORE THAN A PARADE OF LOSS.
EVEN THOUGH IT'S BEEN MORE THAN HALF A CENTURY...
<I AM DEEPLY SORRY ABOUT YOUR LOSS, ASAMI.>*
*TRANSLATED FROM JAPANESE.

〈I'M SORRY, I DON'T THINK WE'VE MET. WERE YOU A FRIEND OF MY HUSBAND'S?〉
〈NO, BUT... I'D COME TO TOKYO TO SEE HIM WHEN I HEARD--〉
〈HE *DIDN'T* KILL HIMSELF.〉
〈PEOPLE...THE POLICE...THEY'RE SAYING THAT HE KILLED HIMSELF, BUT I...TOUKO...HE WOULD NEVER DO THAT. *NEVER.*〉

〈I BELIEVE YOU.〉
〈I KNOW THIS IS NOT A GOOD TIME, BUT I WAS HOPING I COULD ASK YOU SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR HUSBAND.〉

〈I HAVE RESOURCES NOT AVAILABLE TO THE POLICE...I MAY BE ABLE TO FIND WHO DID THIS TO HIM.〉
〈IT WON'T BRING HIM BACK, BUT IT CAN GIVE YOU ANSWERS. CLOSURE.〉



〈NOT HERE. I NEED TO DROP MY DAUGHTER OFF WITH MY PARENTS AND MAKE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS.〉
〈MEET ME AT THE PARIS BAR TONIGHT.〉

MARIKO YASHIDA

...IT WON'T LET ME FORGET.

YASHIDA CORPORATION OFFICES.
TOKYO, JAPAN.
‹GENTLEMEN... LADIES...›
‹...YOU ARE ALL EXCUSED FOR THE DAY. PLEASE CLEAR OUT OF THE LAB IMMEDIATELY.›
‹EXCEPT FOR *YOU*, YOU STAY BEHIND.›
‹I...I... EXCUSE ME, BUT...›
‹...*WHO* ARE YOU?›
‹YOUR BOSS.›
‹HARADA-SAN IS MY BOSS. UNTIL I HEAR *OTHERWISE*--›
‹NO MORE HARADA, NERD.›
‹YOU'D DO BEST TO LISTEN TO WHAT THE LADY TELLS YOU.›
‹NOW THAT WE'VE SORTED THAT...›

‹...LET'S GET TO BUSINESS.›

‹WHAT... WHAT IS HAPPENING?›

‹PLEASE... I AM JUST A CHEMIST, I...›
‹DO NOT GROVEL.›

‹WE REQUIRE YOUR ASSISTANCE AND HAVE NO INTEREST IN HARMING YOU.›

‹PLEASE, RETRIEVE THE VIALS OF REGENIX.›
‹WAS I *NOT* CLEAR?›
‹REGENIX?›
‹YES...BUT... THE...THE REGENIX IS NOT READY FOR TESTING. IT'S TOO EARLY TO--›

‹OUR SOLDIERS ARE WILLING TO TAKE THE RISK.›
‹BUT IT'S NOT SAFE...IT COULD HARM THEM--›
‹CONTINUE TO ARGUE AND WE WILL *HARM* YOU.›

‹THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT--›
SHFFFF

‹STAND ASIDE.›

‹WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!›
SHLIIIK

‹GOOD WORK.›
‹NOW INJECT THE REST OF THEM.›
‹BOSS...›

‹...WE MAY HAVE A PROBLEM.›

THE PARIS BAR, LATER.
PARIS
THANK YOU FOR MEETING ME.
YOU SPEAK ENGLISH?
YES. NOT GREAT, BUT STILL BETTER THAN YOUR JAPANESE, I THINK.
IT'S BEEN A WHILE. I'M RUSTY.
THERE'S NO EASY WAY ABOUT THIS...
...I GOT YOUR HUSBAND'S NAME FROM A GANG SELLING REGENIX ON THE BLACK MARKET. IT'S SOME PRETTY DANGEROUS STUFF.
THAT HE THEN TURNS UP DEAD AFTER THEY GAVE HIM UP...
...I DON'T THINK IS A COINCIDENCE.
I BEGGED HIM NOT TO DO IT.
HE WOULDN'T LISTEN. HE--
HE WAS STEALING FROM SHINGEN HARADA, AND THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY THAT WAS GOING TO END.
I JUST NEED TO KNOW WHAT YOU KNOW ABOUT THE DRUG HE WAS SELLING.
WHAT IT IS AND WHO ELSE HE WAS SELLING TO.

TOUKO HAD BEEN WORKING ON REGENIX FOR YEARS. IT WAS HIS LIFE.
IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE SOMETHING GOOD. IT WOULD HELP PEOPLE COMPLETELY HEAL FROM INJURIES... EVEN REGROW LOST LIMBS.
HE WAS PROUD OF HIS WORK. BUT IT WASN'T READY.
THEN TOUKO GOT MIXED UP WITH THE CRAZY THUNDER CLAN. THEY FOUND OUT ABOUT IT AND...THEY FORCED HIM TO STEAL FROM HARADA CORP. HE DIDN'T WANT TO, BUT...
...THEY THREATENED HIM. SAID THEY WOULD DO THINGS TO ME AND OUR DAUGHTER.
HOW MUCH OF THIS STUFF DID HE GIVE THEM?
"THIS STUFF SPREADS TOO FAR AND PEOPLE ARE GOING TO GET--"
--THE HELL?
SNIKT
FINISH THE THOUGHT, LOGAN.
PEOPLE ARE GOING TO GET...

...HURT.

GORGON.

ASAMI, GET OUT OF--

MRPHH...

LEAVE HER ALONE.

YOU AND YOUR GOONS WANT TO COME AT ME, I'M HERE.

BUT SHE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS.

LOGAN...

...ALWAYS TRYING TO PROTECT THE PRETTY LADIES.

SHIFF

I CAN SEE YOUR THOUGHTS, LOGAN. PLOTTING TEN DIFFERENT WAYS THAT YOU CAN SAVE THE WIDOW.
BUT LET ME ASSURE YOU...
...SHE'S ALREADY LOST.
UNGGGGGH...
I'LL KILL YOU!
UNFFF...
NOT LIKELY.
SCARLET SAMURAI, IF YOU WOULDN'T MIND?
SHIFF
THE SMELL...
...DEATH, DECAY... YEARS OF IT...
...BUT BENEATH...
YES... BENEATH, LOGAN.
WHAT DO YOU SMELL?

HNFFF...
GET OUT OF MY HEAD, GORGON...
I HAVE BEEN WAITING YEARS FOR THIS MOMENT. FOR MY REVENGE.
I THOUGHT I HAD BEEN ROBBED OF IT...
...HAD HEARD THAT WOLVERINE WAS DEAD BY SOMEONE ELSE'S HAND. SOMEONE ELSE'S DOING.
YET HERE YOU ARE.
OLDER AND WEAKER, NOT THE SAME WOLVERINE I'VE FOUGHT IN THE PAST.
BUT CLOSE ENOUGH.
NOW TELL ME...
...WHAT IS IT THAT YOU SMELL?
OLDER OR NOT, I'LL STILL TEAR YOU TO PIECES.
CHERRY BLOSSOMS...
SHIK
YES...CHERRY BLOSSOMS...
WHAT ELSE?

ROSEWATER...
SHRAAAK
KEEP DIGGING, LOGAN.
DIRT...
MATCHA...
STOP IT, LOGAN.
STOP THINKING AND JUST...
...FIGHT.
SHLINK

CRAP...
JUST LIKE THE CRAZY THUNDER CLAN.
THE HAND IS USING REGENIX.
CLAWS AIN'T GOING TO DO ME NO GOOD HERE.
ARRGGH!
SHUK

CUT THROUGH ADAMANTIUM LIKE IT WAS NOTHING...
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?
...NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE SHE--
SHK
ARRRRRGH!
YOU DISAPPOINT ME, LOGAN.
I THOUGHT YOU WOULD HAVE RECOGNIZED...
"...THE SPECIAL GIFT I BROUGHT FOR YOU."

WHIRRRRRRR
KACHUNK
GUUUUUUUUUUUH!
WHIRRRRRRR
WHIRRRRRRR
WHIRRRRRRR
(WHAT?!)
WHIRRRRRRR
KOSHIGAYA, JAPAN.
THWUMP

〈THE GARBAGE?!〉
〈THOSE HONORLESS BASTARDS THREW ME INTO THE GARBAGE?!〉
〈THEY DIDN'T EVEN BOTHER TRYING TO RESURRECT ME AS A HAND SOLDIER!〉
〈ME!〉
〈WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THE GARBAGE? YOU COULD HAVE BEEN KILLED!〉
〈YOU CORPORATE TYPES ARE ALL THE SAME!〉
〈GET DRUNK AND CREATE A MESS FOR THE REST OF US TO CLEAN--〉
SHUK
〈DO. NOT. TOUCH. ME.〉
〈THERE'S GOING TO BE HELL TO PAY FOR THIS LEVEL OF DISRESPECT!〉
"NOT QUITE YET, SCARLET SAMURAI."

I THINK THAT IT IS ONLY FAIR THAT WE GIVE LOGAN THE HONOR OF LOOKING HIS KILLER IN THE EYES.
DON'T YOU AGREE?
THOUGH I SUSPECT HE ALREADY KNOWS...
...DON'T YOU, LOGAN?
TAKE OFF THE HELMET.
GORGON'S RIGHT...
...I ALREADY KNOW...
...AND I'M GOING TO KILL HIM FOR WHAT HE'S DONE.
DON'T...

WHAT IS THE MATTER, LOGAN?
AREN'T YOU PLEASED TO FINALLY BE REUNITED WITH YOUR LONG-LOST LOVE?
MARIKO...
...NO.
TO BE CONTINUED!

HOUSE OF X

In the HOUSE OF X, we're getting ready for something really special, RESURRXION PHASE II. That's right, we'll be cycling in some new ongoings and a few special limited series.

While I can't talk about all of what's in the cooker, I can tell you that lovers of the classic on-again, off-again romance between Rogue and Gambit have a special treat in store with a ROGUE & GAMBIT five-issue limited series coming out in January. It's by KELLY (HAWKEYE, A-FORCE) THOMPSON and PERE (DEADPOOL VS. PUNISHER) PÉREZ, and the two are bringing a smart, sassy and seductive flavor to this dysfunctional duo.

Then there's LEGION, another five-issue limited series by PETER (X-FORCE, X-STATIX) MILLIGAN and WILFREDO (MOON KNIGHT, SECRET EMPIRE: BRAVE NEW WORLD) TORRES. Peter brings his own brand of brilliant insanity while Wilfredo's keen sense of body language and expression adds to the inherent eccentricity of the character and the story. I highly recommend both of these books.

Now for teasing upcoming projects, I can say that there are at least two new ongoing series in development. One completely unexpected and the other a return of a fan favorite. It's too early to get into any more than that, but I'm sure most X-Fans will be excited when we make the announcements. Keep your eyes and ears open!

Now onto our checklist of the wonderful world of X:

X-MEN GOLD:
Kitty Pryde takes charge and leads a new team into a heroic age!
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The coolest hero on the planet, Bobby Drake the elder, in super-hero solo adventures.
Issue #9!

OLD MAN LOGAN:
Who is the Scarlet Samurai?!
Issue #33!

ASTONISHING X-MEN:
Fan-favorite characters battle one of the X-Men's most dangerous foes!
Issue #7!

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